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Applicant: Arthur C. Coffey Conf. No. 1909
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For: Sarada
COMBINATION SIS AND VACUUM BANDAGE AND METHOD

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF THE
EXAMINER'S POSITION THAT USE OF A COLLAGEN
BANDAGE WITH A VACUUM SYSTEM WOULD BE OBVIOUS

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

REMARKS

While at first blush one might believe that a vacuum wound curing system would be used with any type of wound bandage, such is not true.

One skilled in the art would not believe that the use of collagen bandages with a vacuum system would be feasible due to the fact that one skilled in the art would believe that use of the vacuum system would destroy or at least minimize the effectiveness of a collagen bandage system which needs adherence to the wound with limited release of absorbed exudates.

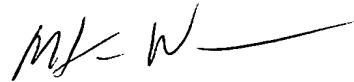
In this regard, the Examiner's attention is drawn to the attached Declaration from the Inventor.

It is respectfully requested that, if necessary to effect a timely response, this paper be considered as a Petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response and

shortages in other fees, be charged, or any overpayment in fees be credited, to the Account of Barnes & Thornburg, Deposit Account No. 02-1010 (7175/67882).

Respectfully submitted,

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